

# Northwestern Otomi

**Northwestern Otomi** is a native American language of central Mexico.

## Varieties

There are two varieties with limited (c. 78%) intelligibility, sometimes considered separate languages:

- **Mezquital Otomi** (*Otomí del Valle del Mezquital*). The autonym is *Hñahñu*<sup>[3]</sup> It is spoken in the state of Hidalgo, especially in the Mezquital Valley, by 100,000 people. There are also some migrant worker expatriates in the United States in the states of Texas (270), Oklahoma (230), and North Carolina (100). A dictionary and grammar of the language have been published.
- **Querétaro Otomi**. The autonym varies as *Hñohño*, *Ñañhu*, *Hñahño*, *Ñotho*.<sup>[4]</sup> It is spoken by 33,000 in the Querétaro municipalities of Amealco (towns of San Ildefonso & Santiago Mexquititlán); in Mexico State, the town of Acambay, and in Querétaro, the town of Tolimán, and in Michoacan, the town of San Felipe los Alzatí. There are also small numbers in the state of Guanajuato.

## Notes

1. Mezquital Otomi (<https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/ote/>) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)

Querétaro Otomi (<https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/otq/>) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
2. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Northwestern Otomi" (<http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/nort3201>). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
3. Lastra 2006 p. 57, Wright Carr 2005
4. Lastra 2006 p. 57

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Northwestern Otomi	
<b>Native to</b>	México
<b>Region</b>	Hidalgo, Querétaro, México
<b>Native speakers</b>	(130,000 cited 1990 census) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Oto-Manguean <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Oto-Pamean<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Otomian<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Northwestern Otomi</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Writing system</b>	Latin
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	Either: <div> <div>ote – Mezquital Otomi</div> <div>otq – Querétaro Otomi</div> </div>
<b>Glottolog</b>	nort3201 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/nort3201">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/nort3201</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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